

***Regular Meeting***  
***Recreation Commission***  
***Borough of Rumson***

October 2, 2019

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07PM.**

Present:

Commissioners; Kerry Chandler, Chairman; Mike Cecil; Dorothy Whitehouse; Adam Cavise; and Jon Levine.

Recreation Director; Kevin Delia.

Communications and Recreation Coordinator; Eric Paone-Hurd.

Not Present:

Commissioners; Michael Ingrassia; and Irene Hall.

Borough Council; Laura Atwell, Council President and Rob Swikart, Councilman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- The minutes from the July 17<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written were approved by Adam Cavise and seconded by Mike Cecil. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Melina and Nick Sophinos were present to ask for the approval of an additional Rumson Rec sponsored travel softball team at the 14u age level. They offered background on the interest and provided details on how they would manage the team. The Recreation Commissioners discussed the topic later on in the meeting and concluded that they would make a decision at their next regular meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR**

- The treasures report for June was provided by Helen Graves, Borough of Rumson CFO to the Recreation Commission.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commissioners that an annual donation of \$2500 was made to the Rumson Seniors Club.
- Eric Paone-Hurd provided details to the Recreation Commissioners of his role with the Borough of Rumson as well as the work he has accomplished so far in his two months on the job. He share examples of his work through social media and some data on the

improvement that the recreation registrations have seen with the implementation of his knowledge of broadcasting information to a large audience.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Kevin Delia presented the Recreation Commissioners with an idea for an after school LEGO program that would be run by Snapology from Shrewsbury. He showed some ideas the directors presented him and gave some details on the timeframe this program would take place. The Recreation Commissioners were all in favor of the new program.\
- Kevin Delia explained to the Recreation Commissioners his ideas for the new process on how to manage coaching recruitment and team allotments per age group. He said going forward he will elicit coaches earlier on the in the registration periods and then cut back on the amount of teams available based on how many coaches have volunteered. Kevin explained that this should eliminate the need to find coaches after rosters have been established. All the Recreation Commissioners were in favor of this process.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commissioners about the work Eric Paone-Hurd put in to the recreation soccer referee training for this fall. He said that the training provided each referee with material for officiating rec soccer and the various roles each ref would play with their assignment. He also said he expects Eric to do the same for flag football referees for the fall of 2020.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commissioners about establishing recreation basketball coaches meeting for not only the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade but also a separate one for the clinic coaches for kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup>. He explained the reasons for holding separate meetings and all were in favor. He said he would like to establish the exact dates at the next regular meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commissioners about the Halloween Party scheduled for Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>. He said the event would be from 3pm-5pm and would not have a parade portion this year. Kevin went on to say that he and Eric Paone-Hurd have scheduled the caterer and the ordered prizes, games and decorations already have some additional items to work on. He also asked that Recreation Commissioners make themselves available that day to help with set-up and clean-up.
- Kevin Delia provided an update on the request of the Recreation Commissioners from the previous meeting regarding padding for the columns that support the basketball backboards at Victory Park and Roger Park. He said that the manufacturer of the columns developed these specifically to allow for greater distance from the playing court to be safe enough to no need padding. Kevin went on to say that even if padding was placed on these it could become an issue with garbage or animals because to the uneven structure.
- Kevin Delia provide a list of coaches for Rumson Mid-Monmouth Travel Basketball teams for the fall and winter 2019/20 seasons. He provided the names on the list that needed approval for the Boys 8, Jon Levine, Boys 9, Dave Angstreich, Boys 10, Michael Polloway and Boys 12, Luke Glass as well as the Girls 10, Bob Dubina. Mike Cecil, Travel Basketball Coordinator, said he would provide a name for the Girls 9 at the next meeting because a coach for that team has not been identified yet. Kerry Chandler made a motion

to approve the coaches for the fall/winter 2019/20 seasons. Dorothy Whitehouse seconded the motion. All in favor.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:34pm**

Adam Cavise made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kerry Chandler. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia